

releasing innovative and unique designs that have become so easily recognizable on roads worldwide. Harleys are known as the pre-eminent motorcycle both in this country and around the world and have become a staple of the U.S. Armed Services as well as police and fire departments throughout the country.

Harley-Davidson will be celebrating its 100th birthday this August in its hometown of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. This three-day event will include festivities on Lake Michigan, a never-before-seen exhibit of sketches, videos, clay models, and mock-up motorcycles demonstrating various stages of the design used process by Harley-Davidson's Styling and Engineering departments, as well as a parade of 10,000 Harleys through downtown Milwaukee.

The national celebration will have events leading up to the grand celebration in cities across America including Las Vegas, Nashville, Indianapolis, and Dearborn. I want to invite all Harley-Davidson enthusiasts, young and old, to come out and take part in this once in a lifetime event.

I urge my colleagues to join me in honoring this great American company by cosponsoring this resolution.

#### RECOGNIZING R.G. MORRIS

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2003*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker. I rise today to acknowledge the impeccable motor carrier safety record of Mr. R.G. Morris of Blue Springs, Missouri. Mr. Morris is a professional motor carrier operator for Yellow Transportation.

According to the most recent information from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, large trucks drove 7 percent of all vehicle miles traveled. In motor vehicle crashes, large trucks represented 9 percent of vehicles in fatal crashes, 3 percent of vehicles in injury crashes, and 5 percent of vehicles in property-damage-only crashes.

Mr. Morris reached a safety milestone when he recently surpassed one million miles driven without a preventable accident. This outstanding achievement, obtained by few drivers, demonstrates Mr. Morris' commitment to safety. To put this accomplishment in perspective, the average car driver would have to travel around the world forty times to equal this milestone.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Mr. R.G. Morris for reaching this noteworthy milestone. I am proud to have a constituent as dedicated to highway safety as he is, and I wish him continued safe driving in the future.

#### TRIBUTE TO ABINGTON SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

#### HON. JOSEPH M. HOFFEL

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2003*

Mr. HOFFEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Abington Senior High School as the recipient of the 2003 Harris Wofford Award pre-

sented by Youth Service America and the State Farm Companies Foundation.

The Harris Wofford Award, named for former US Senator Harris Wofford of Pennsylvania, was established in 2002 for the first annual State Farm Awards Luncheon as part of the 13th Annual National Service-Learning Conference. This award honors Harris Wofford's life long "mission of making service to others the common expectation and common experience of every young person in America".

An award like this is long overdue for Abington Senior High School since they have been dedicated to community service for years. The service-learning program, which started in 1995, has encouraged the student body to take an active interest in helping the community. The positive impact this program has had on the community as well as the students is immeasurable. The 60,000 hours that students spent last year helping the community is an outstanding accomplishment. As a proud parent of two Abington Senior High School alumni, I am sincerely honored to be able to recognize the students of Abington for their dedication and commitment to helping others. Programs like these not only help the community but also teach our youth the power of working together and helping others.

#### NATO ALLIED COMMAND TRANSFORMATION

#### HON. DOUG BEREUTER

OF NEBRASKA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, June 24, 2003*

Mr. BEREUTER. Mr. Speaker, this Member wishes to note the establishment of Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, Virginia, on June 19, and to congratulate Admiral Edmund P. Giambastiani, Jr., the commander of U.S. Joint Forces Command, on his appointment as the first Supreme Allied Commander Transformation.

The establishment of the first functional strategic command for the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is an important step for the Alliance as it reforms its command structure to better carry out the missions needed to defend its member countries against today's threats. Allied Command Transformation replaces the old Allied Command Atlantic, which had been responsible for keeping open sea lanes between North America and Europe during the Cold War. Today, NATO faces a more pressing task: transforming allied forces from static formations designed for territorial defense to expeditionary forces able to deploy wherever needed to combat security threats. By locating Allied Command Transformation in Norfolk, home to U.S. Joint Forces Command, the transformation lessons being learned by the U.S. military can be shared with our NATO allies.

The establishment of Allied Command Transformation is an important part of the new NATO command structure, which reduces the number of NATO headquarters from 20 to 11 and eliminates geographic responsibilities. This leaner, deployable command structure will allow the Alliance to command missions wherever the member countries decide that NATO is needed.

This Member wishes to commend to his colleagues the attached speech by Lord Robert-

son, the Secretary General of NATO, at the ceremony to commission Allied Command Transformation on June 19, 2003.

REMARKS BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF NATO, LORD ROBERTSON, AT THE CEREMONY TO THE COMMISSION OF THE NEW ALLIED COMMAND TRANSFORMATION

Admirals, Generals, Ladies and Gentlemen, this is a unique ceremony, because we are not only welcoming a new commander—we are also changing fundamentally the very nature and purpose of this strategic headquarters. Indeed, we are creating a new organisation all together. That, in the history of this great Alliance, makes this a very special day.

Our first task is to thank the man who has led Allied Commander Atlantic since last October—Admiral Sir Ian Forbes. Admiral Forbes, your predecessor, General Kernan, once described Allied Command Atlantic as NATO's bridge to the future. When you took command of this headquarters, you vowed to continue that mission. You have done so and with true distinction. Your staff here at Norfolk has nothing but the highest praise for the work you have done here. That is an most important testimonial.

Let me add my own thanks, and congratulations, for the important work you have done here since January 2002, first as Deputy and then as Acting Supreme Allied Commander Atlantic. You have provided sound leadership in Norfolk through a critical period of concluding SACLANT's successful mission and defining the role—and I might add, daring role—this new command will play in the Alliance. We will continue to value your leadership as Deputy Supreme Allied Commander, Transformation.

Admiral Giambastiani—or Admiral "G", as you are already known here—this is your first day on the job. But you have already made history, as the first commander of the new Allied Command Transformation. This is an honour that is well deserved. I would like to congratulate you, as well, on this appointment.

In the coming years, Admiral, you will have a key role to play in shaping NATO's transformation. It is a transformation that has already begun, and the establishment of this Command—ACT—is proof positive.

ACT will shape the future of combined and joint operations. It will identify new concepts, and bring them to maturity. It will then turn these transformational concepts into reality; a reality shared by the entire NATO Alliance. And it will do so in close cooperation with the U.S. Joint Forces Command co-located here, to ensure that NATO's transformation stays in lock step with the changes taking place in the United States.

Indeed, the creation of a new permanent command here in Norfolk—one dedicated solely to transformation—demonstrates the investment NATO is making in preparing itself for 21st century operations.

This Command underscores NATO nations' commitment to a continuous, permanent process of transforming and modernising our armed forces.

ACT is, in a very real sense, both the symbol of the new NATO, and the architect that will shape its future. It will play an invaluable role in ensuring that the Atlantic Alliance can continue to defend the security and interests of its members against threats and challenges which we cannot even imagine today.

ACT is a symbol of this Alliance's confident embrace of the future and its challenges.

Admiral Giambastiani, as I said last week to NATO Defence Ministers in Brussels, your new title, Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, means that you more than